

I am a little Thrift Stamp,  
I do the best I kin do,  
And if you buy enough of me,  
I'll get the kaiser's skin, too!

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## AMERICANS GAIN IN NEW ATTACK

### DINNER PALES AS ATTRACTION BESIDE ECLIPSE

The Roast Probably Will Burn  
at Home Tonight.

### GUTHRIE CLAIMS BIG SHOW

Parties Go From Here to View  
Phenomenon.

### Eclipses and War

Battle between Meles and Lydians stopped by eclipse of May 28, 585 B. C.  
Eclipse of August 3, 431 B. C., marked first year of Peloponnesian war.  
Persians defeated near Cnidus immediately after eclipse of 394 B. C.  
Tyrant of Syracuse aided in war against Carthaginians by eclipse of 610 B. C.  
Alaric, the Visigoth, appeared before Rome "in a great gloom," probably eclipse of June 18, 410 B. C.  
Eclipse occurred February 24, 453 A. D., when Attila, the Hun, was ravaging Italy.  
In 733 A. D. "Aethelbald captured Somerset, and the sun was eclipsed, and all the sun's disc was like a black shield," reports the Anglo-Saxon chronicle.  
Olav, king of Norway, was killed at the battle of Stikladd during the eclipse of August 30, 1030.  
And the famous battle of Crecy was not fought during an eclipse, as its historians proudly boast.

You needn't hurry home to dinner tonight as your wife will be too busy looking at the eclipse to put the substitutes on the table. She may even forget the dinner and scorch the beans that she got this morning at the Liberty market. But never mind, for we are assured by the wise guys that we never have another opportunity as long as we live to see such a sight as this eclipse. And, anyway it doesn't cost a cent.

Parties Go to Guthrie.  
Several parties went to Guthrie to see the eclipse, since that is the nearest place in the direct line, in spite of running into mud holes in the pitchy darkness of the evening. Those who stay at home may get a good view of the phenomenon with a good old fashioned smoked glass. The glass should be dampened, then smoked. The children at the school playgrounds will look through glass which they have prepared, and they know all about how an eclipse happens, because the playground supervisors have told them all about it.

The eclipse will be viewed at the weather bureau station, and records made of the velocity and direction of the wind and clouds. But the weather expert will be no more interested than the small boy, with his piece of smoked glass, who is viewing his first eclipse.

Does Guthrie Own It?  
The total eclipse has opened the old sore between Guthrie and Oklahoma City. The war is on to the hilt. Listen to this colloquy between friends who buried the hatchet many moons ago.  
"I'm glad that Charlie Haskell is not governor of Oklahoma," said a Guthrie man as he flung himself lazily into a chair and placed his feet comfortably on the desk in a downtown office building this morning.

"We might have advertised this eclipse as an exclusive Guthrie event and when we woke up this morning found that Charlie had swiped the thing and carried it to Oklahoma City. Er-yes, I'm thankful that he's not governor and that the shadow is away up in the air so that none of you fellows can pull it down here," he mused. "At this distance it seems as though we have the eclipse safely tucked away."

Guthrie's One Attraction.  
"I don't know so much about that," hawled out the Oklahoma man. "We have not tried to interfere with your little eclipse. I won't if you stop your bragging about it. So far as I'm concerned, as it is the only thing you have had in several years that is worth a darn, I'm willing to let you get away with it, but we don't like to hear this boasting."

"You're coming up ain't you?" inquired the G. M.  
"Sure, I'll be there with smoked glasses and a microscope," the O. C. man declared. "If I miss seeing the blazing sun with my smoked glass, I'll see if I can find any trace of the old city."

### GYPSY COMPANY WILL GET \$1,250,000 REFUND

Arrangements are being made by E. B. Howard, state treasurer, to refund the \$1,250,000 paid in taxes by the Gypsy Oil company on Osage leases, in accordance with the decision of the attorney general. The refund will have no effect on the tax levy, said Mr. Howard, as the tax had not been considered in making up budgets.

### Gen. Pershing Bossed Fight At Cantigny

American General Personally  
Directed Fight for Town  
on May 28.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—General Pershing personally directed the fighting of American troops at Cantigny, from where the Germans were driven, with a loss of 200 prisoners, members of the senate military committee were told today at their weekly conference with war department officials. The village was taken by the Americans May 28 and all German attempts to recapture it have been in vain.

### STATE APPROVES PLAN TO SELL MARLAND LEASES

Present Owner Given Preference  
Right in Sale.

At a meeting of the state school-land commission Saturday morning a resolution was unanimously passed authorizing for sale certain school lands, among which are the much discussed Marland leases.

The resolution affirms the right of the present holder of the land to regain it under what is known as the "preference right." Under this rule, if the present holder's bid is not as high as some other bidder's, he has the right to raise his bid, thereby regaining the land.

Minimum Price Set.  
It is further stipulated in the resolution that no bids will be considered which are not equal to or more than the minimum price set on the land in the advertisements of it.

The original leases covered about 120,000 acres of land, but all of this except 30,000 acres was given up. Before the action of the board today the original lessees gave up almost 5,000 more acres so that the preference right will be exercised on only approximately 25,000 acres.

No date has as yet been set upon which the bids are to be opened. As soon as the necessary material is gathered the lands will be advertised, and thirty days after this the leases will be awarded.

Five years ago, under the Cruce administration, the land was leased to E. W. Marland of Ponca City, Okla. Much of the land was subleased by Marland to various people, so that many were involved in the case.

Compromise Ends.  
About a year ago the former lease expired and the question of the disposal of the land came up before the new school land commission. The board advertised the leases under the preference right, but this was contested and taken to the courts by Governor Williams, who was against the preference right rule.

The case has never been settled, but the action of the board today may be considered as a compromise between the two parties and as closing the case, since the matter of the preference right and minimum bids were both included in the resolution which Saturday passed the commission unanimously.

### MRS. FINLEY J. SHEPARD IS ILL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 8.—Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, formerly Miss Helen Gould, is seriously ill with appendicitis at her home on Fifth avenue. Physicians today reported her condition satisfactory and it is hoped an operation may be avoided.

### Cloudy Tonight Weather Forecast

LOCAL FORECAST.—Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday.  
HOURLY TEMPERATURE  
10 p. m. 69  
11 p. m. 68  
12 midnight 67  
1 a. m. 66  
2 a. m. 65  
3 a. m. 64  
4 a. m. 63  
5 a. m. 62  
6 a. m. 61  
7 a. m. 60  
8 a. m. 59  
9 a. m. 58  
10 a. m. 57  
11 a. m. 56  
12 noon 55  
1 p. m. 54

### ROGERS WILL RUN ALTHOUGH ILL, APPLEBY SAYS

Republicans Confused by Report of His Illness.

MEETING IS DISARRANGED  
State Committeemen Talk  
Plans at Session Today.

"Harry Rogers will make the race for governor on the republican ticket," said John D. Appleby, secretary of the committee who called the meeting of the republicans in this city. "Eugene Lorton, editor of the Tulsa World, talked over the phone with him today at which time he assured us that he will lead the republican ticket in the next state campaign. Mr. Rogers is at present sick in bed at his home in Tulsa."

Representative members of the republican party of Oklahoma, including members of the state committee, are at odds to know whom the party is to support as candidate for the nomination for governor as a result of the serious illness of Harry Rogers of Tulsa, who was the choice of the republican preferential convention held in Oklahoma City a month ago.

The members of the party met at the Skirvin hotel at 10 o'clock this morning and it was expected that Rogers would be present and would announce himself as a candidate.

Too Ill to Make Race.  
At 7 o'clock this morning A. A. Small, chairman of the Tulsa county central committee, telephoned Rogers' home at Tulsa and a reply from the physician who is attending the republican leader said that it would be folly for Rogers to file as a candidate and make the race for governor.

Rogers has been ill for several weeks, but his condition took a turn for the worse during the last week and last night two physicians were at his bedside. The physician who talked to Small informed him that Rogers is a sick man and that it would be impossible for him to make the race for governor.

The meeting of the republicans was scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock this morning and those who came to attend the conference expected that Rogers would be here. His illness completely disarranged plans for the conference.

Final Answer Today.  
John D. Appleby, secretary of the committee who called the conference, asserted that members of the party believed that Rogers might announce that he would file and become the republican standard bearer for governor. At noon members of the party were endeavoring to get into communication with Rogers and to ascertain positively whether or not he is to be a candidate.

Appleby asserted that a final answer would come from Rogers late this afternoon.

The meeting was called to select candidates for officers who were not nominated during the preferential convention. The one topic discussed was Rogers' official acceptance. Those who had agreed to back Rogers' campaign came to lay before the republican leaders and members of the state committee details of the campaign.

Jake Hamons, who made the charge during the meeting of the state committee that Arthur A. Geissler, state chairman, was pro-German, came here from Ardmore to attend the conference.

By PRIVATE HAROLD R. PEAT.  
Late of the Third Battalion, First Canadian Overseas Contingent.

Corporal John Chipman Kerr was the first of the Alberta boys to win the Victoria cross. As decorations go, that cross is the simplest of any. To the British mind it conveys all of heroism, honor, glory, self-sacrifice.

The cross itself is fashioned of bronze—the material is supposed to be taken from one of the guns which were used at the Crimea. On one side of the cross there are two words—two words only—  
For Valor.

### HERE ARE SURVIVORS OF TORPEDOED LINER



Some of the survivors of the U. S. steamer Carolina, sunk in the Hun submarine raid on the U. S. coast, above. Smaller picture at left is of Lieut. G. Nadal, army officer, among the survivors. Other small picture shows one member of crew with his coat, which he said he found after it had been torn by shell fire from the submarine. These survivors drifted for hours in an open boat before reaching an Atlantic port.

### LIEUT. CAMPBELL IS HURT SLIGHTLY IN AIR BATTLE

First American Ace Wounded,  
Father in U. S. Hears.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., June 8.—Prof. W. W. Campbell of Lick observatory at Mount Hamilton, Cal., who is here to study the phenomena of today's solar eclipse, received a cablegram from France today stating that his son, Lieut. Douglass Campbell, an American aviator, was slightly wounded. Campbell is the first American "ace."

The cablegram brought little information beyond the fact that young Campbell was wounded in action and that his injury was not serious.

The honor of being known as his country's first aviation "ace" was earned spectacularly by Lieut. Douglass Campbell on May 31.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 8.—Henry Astor, a grandson of John Jacob Astor, died at his home at West Copack yesterday. He was 87 years old. He lived the life of a recluse and was credited with having declined much of his share of the family fortune. His widow survives.

### Chickens Roost On Roofs of Moated Keeps

Riverside Park Negroes Revive  
the Moat and Drawbridge  
of Medieval Days.

The drawbridge and moat of medieval days still survive in Oklahoma City. If you don't believe it take a ride through the flooded bottom lands in the neighborhood of Riverside park.

When the negroes of this section want to go to the main land these flood days, they let down the drawbridge—two planks rather perilously supported on three soap boxes and cross from the front door step to the higher ground along the car line.

Doubtless after nightfall they take the drawbridge in or pull it up—which ever is correct, and thereby protect the chickens that are marooned on the ridgepoles of the chicken houses in the rear.

Further out at sea, in the bottom lands the water is up to the level of the window ledges and the empty houses would indicate that their inhabitants have sailed away to visit some of their higher and drier neighbors until water subsides.

### VICTORIA CROSS GIVEN SERGEANT FOR SLAYING 100

Non-Com and Ten Men Inflict  
Great Losses on Huns.

LONDON, June 8, via Ottawa.—Announcement of the award of a Victoria cross to Sergeant Albert Mountain, West Yorkshire, was made in the official gazette. Mountain's company was compelled to fall back before the advancing enemy mass. Volunteers for a counter attack were being called when Mountain and ten men stepped forward.

He advanced on the flank with a Lewis machine gun and inflicted an enemy patrol, of which about 100 were killed. Mountain rallied and organized the party for defense and covered the retirement of the rest of the company.

With one non-commissioned officer and four men he successfully held at bay 600 Germans for half an hour.

Later he took command of a flank post and held on for 27 hours, until finally surrounded.

### BULLETIN

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 8.—Unconfirmed reports in shipping circles here today were to the effect that a German U-boat had either been captured or sunk off the Virginia coast sometime during yesterday by a United States destroyer. A destroyer which had been patrolling the Atlantic coast in this vicinity returned to port today. Members of the crew were in high spirits but refused to say a word regarding their operations.

### SMOKE YOUR GLASS TO VIEW ECLIPSE

If the sun is shining at 6:25 o'clock this evening when you begin to look for the eclipse, do not squint directly into the sun.

Get a bit of broken glass, hold a lighted match under it until there is a film of carbon covering the glass. The easiest way to smoke glass is in a coal oil flame, but few of us have coal oil in our homes today.

A developed photograph film will be just as efficient as a piece of smoked glass.

### PERSHING'S MEN KILL SCORES IN DEFENDING FRONT

Entire Tip of Enemy's Wedge  
Cut Off by Operations.

### CHEZY VILLAGE RETAKEN

Vital Point in Defense of Locre  
Sector Also Regained.

By The Associated Press.  
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 8.—The second Franco-American attack in the neighborhood of Veully-la-Poterie and Boursches was a brilliant success to the allied arms. It was continued yesterday with an advance in the Chezy sector, further northwest on the line.

American troops on the front northwest of Chateau-Thierry mowed down the enemy with machine gun and rifle fire at midnight last night when the Germans made an attack on their position. They fought like demons and at one point killed 100 Germans.

### Artillery Active Near Montdidier

By The Associated Press.  
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 8.—The revival of artillery activity in the sector between Noyon and Montdidier is claiming attention today. Whether the Germans intend to deliver another blow here with their still powerful reserves cannot be foreseen, but the indications point to such an event.

### French Push on To Northeast

PARIS, June 8.—New progress was made by the French last night in the region between the Marne and the Oise, northwest of Chateau-Thierry, the war office announced today.

In this sector French troops have pushed their way through Chezy to its eastern outskirts and have reached the western edge of Dammarville.

In the district south of Veully-la-Poterie the Germans made two violent attacks along the Boursches-le-Thiolet front. The enemy was repulsed with heavy losses in each case.

### Whole Tip of Wedge Is Pushed Back

Associated Press War Review.  
Allied pressure against the German lines northwest of Chateau-Thierry shows no indication of relaxation. The enemy having yielded readily to the first thrust against him on Thursday, the entente forces have pursued their advantage and are realizing new progress in a series of local operations.

Whole Tip Pushed Back.  
The whole German line at the tip of the salient driven into the allied front has been pushed back in this process. The allied line is now astride the Clignon river and points of vantage have been secured north of that stream.

According to reports from the front, the attack of Thursday began over a front of about three miles, but the reaction has spread until now it extends from Hill 204, west of Chateau-Thierry, to Dammarville, over seven miles to the northwest. Along this line the allies have won ground with encouraging rapidity.

Marines Hold Ground.  
The French official statement mentions two violent attacks against the Boursches-Le-Thiolet line. It is on this section of the new battle line that the American marines have been in action and they probably are still operating here. The fact that both German assaults were repulsed with heavy losses indicates that these Americans are still fighting with their initial vigor.

According to official statements the heights east of Hautevesnes have been taken by the French, which may indicate that a wedge has been driven into the German lines north of the Clignon and that the retirement of the Germans farther north of Chezy and Dammarville may have been accelerated by the danger of being trapped by the rapidly advancing allies.

### French Recapture Point Near Locre

By The Associated Press.  
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 8.—Locre Hospice, which the Germans captured on Wednesday night, was retaken by the French yesterday. They battled their way to this much contested position and completely re-established their original line.